

The Ames Intelligencer

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The Museum Is Finally Open!

Lease Signed Through December 31, 1999
June Opening Gets Off To A Great Start With Two Exhibits; Member Grand Opening Well Attended

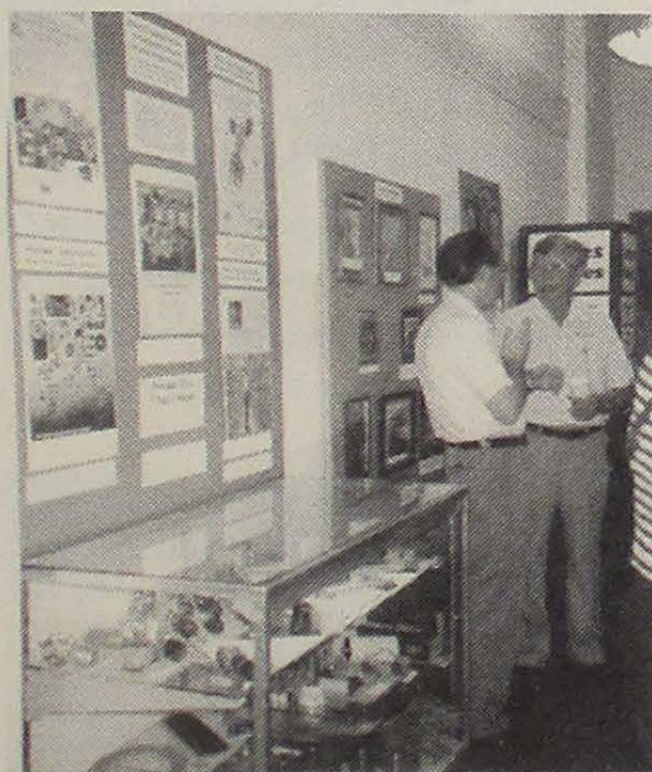
On April 10th, Ames Heritage Association hosted its annual meeting at Reiman Gardens. It was a session open to the public providing information about the museum efforts going on in Ames.

The attendance and response was excellent and so supportive that AHA made a commitment to rent the 1300 sq.ft. space downtown at 417 Douglas, formerly Madeleine's Tea Room. Initial donations have allowed AHA to begin presenting historical exhibits in the three display rooms at that location. Exhibits will change regularly.



July 23rd Grand Opening was well attended.

The first exhibits opened on June 18th. They were *Ames Names: Putting Faces with Familiar Ames Place Names* and *Rings A Bell: Developments in Communications Technology*.



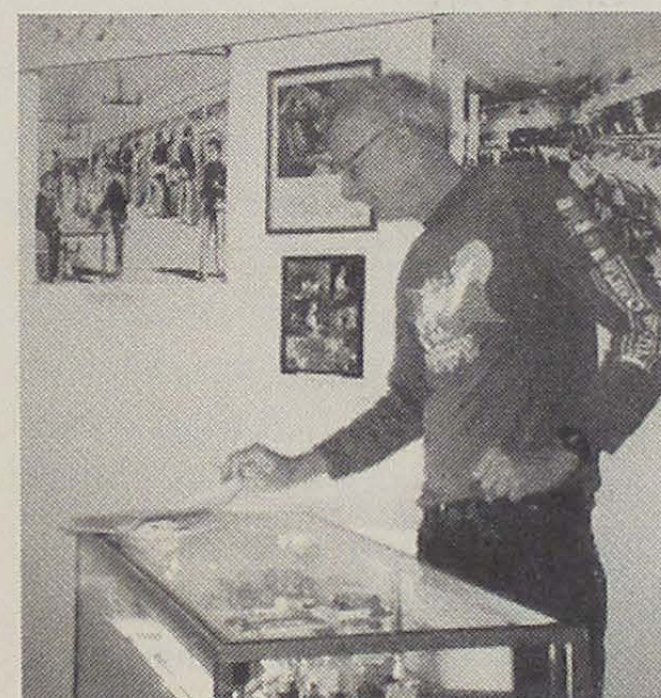
On July 8, ISU's *ABC Computer Replica* and a history of the development of the computer was installed and viewed through August 10 when it moved to the Iowa State Fair.

On July 18th, an exhibit tracking the development of the Manhattan Project was installed. It will run through August 22nd.

Ames Names: Putting Faces with Familiar Ames Place Names will also continue through August 22nd.

Museum hours are:

Mon 5-8pm; Wed 11am-2pm
Sat 10am-5pm; Sun 2-5pm



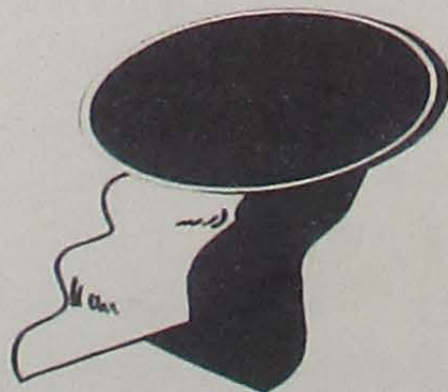
Jim Graham loaned telephone artifacts.

Upcoming exhibits:

- ◆ August 18 - October 24
Bricks & Mortar: Early Builders
- ◆ August 22 - October 24
Timelines from Ames History
- ◆ August 27 - October 24
Main Street Architecture
- ◆ October 30 - December 31
The Lincoln Highway in Ames & Story County
- ◆ October 30 - December 31
Developments in Food Production
- ◆ October 30 - December 31
The Railroad in Ames History

We Thank All Our Donors Museum Fund Grows

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 Kathy Svec
 Rollie & Willie Struss
 Margaret Vance
 Lois & Bob Vohs
 Roy & Bobbie Warman
 Mary Watkins
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 Don Zytowski



What Happens After December?

Ames Heritage Association has signed a lease through December 1999. To continue presenting exhibitions and programs after January 1, 2000, additional funds will be required, approximately \$1000 per month.

Financial support from members and others interested in ensuring the future of an Ames museum is needed now!

If you have not already done so, would you consider helping out?

Yes, I am interested in helping to extend the building lease beyond Dec. 31, 1999.

Please accept the following donation:

- ☐ \$100
- ☐ \$250
- ☐ \$500
- ☐ \$1000
- ☐ \$_____

Name _____

Address _____

City, Town, Zip _____

Ames Heritage Association is a 501C3 non-profit organization. All donations are tax deductible.

Clip and mail to Ames Heritage Association, PO Box 821, Ames, Iowa 50010

Museum Wish List

Ladder - 6 or 8 ft.
 Self-contained VCR
 Display cases of various sizes

Museum Committees

The Museum Planning Committee has refocused to become a facility-running committee.

AHA members are invited to become a committee member, or to volunteer to host open hours.

Here are the committees:

◆ **Exhibition Curators & Planners**
 With assistance from the whole committee and AHA Board, solicits ideas & seeks resources for exhibits; sets schedule, installs shows.

◆ **Building Manager(s)**
 Oversees facility maintenance and cleanliness, garbage disposal, light bulbs, back work rooms/office and other equipment set-up.

◆ **Volunteer Coordinator/Trainer**
 Recruits committee of museum attendants; schedules and trains museum attendants.

◆ **Publicity & Publications Committee**
 Promotes exhibitions and programs at The Story Center through a variety of means.

◆ **Collections curators/manager** - Organizes, inventories and marks existing artifacts/archives owned by AHA. With a committee, oversees acquisitions of offered donations to ensure compatibility with collection policy.

◆ **Finance Committee**
 Creates an annual museum budget and implements a varied income strategy to support museum activities

◆ **Programs & Education Committee**
 Creates special programs for each exhibit aimed at different age levels.

Readin' - 'Ritin' - 'Rithmetic

Hoggatt School Open Sundays June - August

by Carole Jensen, Hoggatt School Committee Chair

Committee Meets Its Goal

The Hoggatt School Committee met its goal of being open regular hours this summer. The School, located at 18th Street and Burnett on the grounds of Meeker School, is open every Sunday from 2pm to 4:30pm through August.

Thank You

★ A very special thank you goes to the Golden K Kiwanis Club for the beautiful new look sported by Hoggatt School.

At the end of May and first part of June, Golden K members spent countless hours scraping, priming and painting the school building. Thanks to their generosity and skills, the school was ready for summer open hours.

★ Thanks also goes to Farwell Brown for researching why the school was painted gray and not white like most one room schools. He found white was not used much in 1861, so the School is now a light shade of gray, which makes it look a little weathered.

★ Authentic maps were purchased this spring for the school and we thank Rollie Struss for making a map case to hold these four roll-up maps dating from 1755 to 1893. On these maps, you can see what Iowa looked like in 1861 when Hoggatt School was built.

★ An apple-shaped donation container has netted \$4.00 in donations, which help to keep the school in repair.

Introducing Our School Hosts

We recognize the following volunteers who have been hosting at the school each Sunday afternoon: They are:

- Leanna Barber
- Betty Gordon
- Ruth Boast
- Nancy & Bob Lewis
- Carole Jensen
- Bruce Kellogg

We have a standby list and are always looking for more people interested in becoming a host/hostess at our school. All volunteers are trained to provide an informative experience to visitors. If our volunteer list grows longer, we can perhaps be open more days next summer!

Gift Shop Added

Starting small but thinking big, a small gift shop has been added, which features the teacher's rules for 1872, 1915 and 1923 and punishments for misbehavior, schoolhouse magnets or tree ornaments and the booklet "Faces of Our Founders: The Early Leaders of Ames, Iowa".

Hoggatt School Wish List:

- ★ We need a small old wooden bookcase to hold the collection of school books, compatible with a one room schoolhouse.
- ★ The ceiling is peeling (as I understand a lot of one room schools did) and will need to be repaired. Donations and/or skilled laborers are sought. Until then, the paint chips are swept up every Sunday afternoon before the doors are opened to the public.

Tally So Far

Through July 25, 23 adults and 13 children have visited this summer. Slowly, word is getting around that the school is open.

Come See Us!

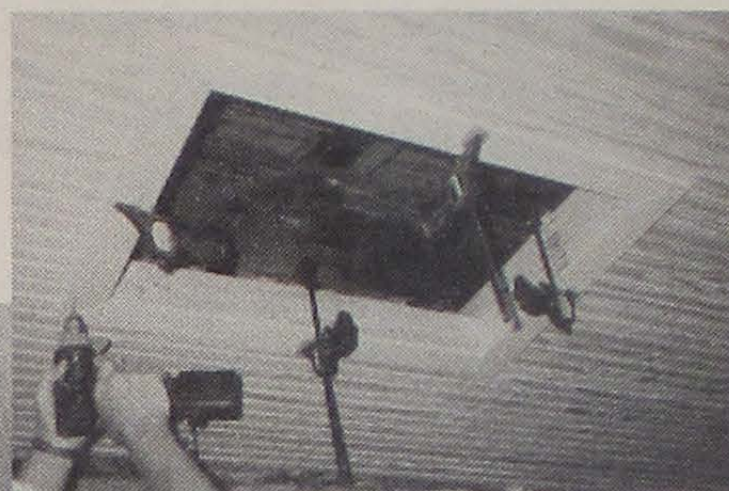
We invite AHA members and the public to come and look us over before the end of August.

Tours & Programs Available

Hoggatt School is available for group tours until November 1st. A program called "Legacy of the One Room School" is available for club meeting programs. Call Carole Jensen at 515-233-2431 for further information.



Bauge Log Home Restoration Makes Big Strides



Continued Work Toward Completion

Work continues on meeting the Association's goal to finish the restoration of the Bauge Log Home this year.

Work days in May and June accomplished removal of ceiling joists added after 1890, trimming of nails ends in the loft, cleaning out and sorting materials stored in the loft and partial paneling of several walls in the lean-to.

In July, Willie and Rollie Struss installed the beaded ceiling in the lean-to area. They were careful to leave a lift-up "hatch" that can be raised to expose the log construction, and the attachment of the lean-to to the original structure.

When cooler weather arrives, the walls in the lean-to rooms will be paneled and the window frames will be installed.

Ceiling installation by Rollie and Willie Struss.

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September 26 - Historic Old Town Home Tour

Make a note on your calendars to attend this year's Historic Old Town Home Tour on Sunday, September 26. The home tour is only held every-other year.

Other AHA News

Scanning Brown Photos

AHA is loaning the use of its computer at the Ames Public Library for scanning/digitizing the F.T. Brown Photo Archive. This will make the images more accessible as they can be placed on CDs and viewed by patrons at computer work stations.

Ames Heritage Association Board: Pres. Kathy Svec; Sec. Willie Struss; Treas. Bill LaGrange; Rollie Struss, Peggy Baer, Carole Jensen, Diane Schmidt, Jean Jonas, Mark Hamin, Steve Kirts, Suann Evans.

Ames Heritage Association is a legally incorporated, not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting interest in state and local history through publications, programs and displays. The Board meets the 3rd Wed. of each month, September - June.

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